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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

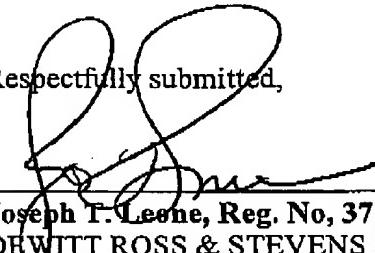
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